

Obituaries

Frances Louise Voss, 97

Frances Louise Voss, 97, Santa Barbara, Calif., and formerly Andover, SD, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008 at her home.

Mass of Christian Burial was Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Aberdeen, with Father Edward Pierce officiating. A luncheon was served at Sacred Heart Parish Hall immediately after the burial. A Liturgical wake was held 7 p.m., Friday at Schriver's Memorial Mortuary and Crematory, Aberdeen.

Frances was born in Andover, SD, July 16, 1911. She lived in Andover for 82 years, before moving to Santa Barbara in 1993. She worked in the Andover Post Office for 19 years, before marrying her husband and raising her family.

She was a member of the National Catholic Society of Lady Foresters for 79 years. She loved gardening, playing cards and reminiscing about life growing up on the farm.

Frances is survived by three sisters, Bertha Steffes, Viola (Steers) Rich, Kathleen Altobell; three daughters, Mary Louise Zapata, Fae Perry, Ruth Graff; five grandchildren, Crystal, Rollin and Whitney Perry, Eric and Sara Graff; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Christian and Louise Steffes; one brother, Christian; and baby boy, Steffes; four sisters, Helen (Sister M. Ruth), Florence, Loretta, Renetta Kersting; two grandchildren, Blake and Brent Graff; and her husband of 41 years, Erwin Voss.

She will be deeply missed by her family, who find peace that she is in a place where there is no pain or suffering. The family would like to give special thanks to the following people for their kindness, care and compassion: Dr. Glen Hollingshead; her caregivers, Nelly, Angelina and Evelyn; the staff of the Friendship Center, and the nurses and Hospice Care of Santa Barbara.

Memorials in her memory can be sent to Hospice of Santa Barbara, Inc., 2050 Alameda Padre Serra, Suite 100, Santa Barbara, CA, 93103 or any of your favorite charities.